

IN THE CLAIMS:

A. Please add new claims 20-36 as follows:

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--20. (New) A method for receiving a broadcast message, comprising:
receiving a broadcast indicator on a first common channel and checking a
status of the broadcast indicator, and
receiving a broadcast message from a base station if the status of the
broadcast indicator indicates that the base station is transmitting the broadcast message,
wherein the broadcast message is received through a second common control channel
during a broadcast cycle.--

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--21. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein the first common channel is a
quick paging channel (QPCH).--

--22. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein if the status of the broadcast
indicator indicates that no broadcast message is transmitted, then the second common
control channel is not monitored for a broadcast message.--

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- 23. (New) The method of claim 20, further comprising:
receiving an extended system parameters message containing a broadcast indicator supported field; and
checking the status of the broadcast indicator if the broadcast indicator supported field indicates that the base station has provided a broadcast indicator.--
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- 24. (New) The method of claim 23, wherein a first slot of the paging channel is continuously monitored if the base station does not provide a broadcast indicator.--
- 25. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein the base station provides the broadcast message indicator 100ms prior to sending the broadcast message.--
- 26. (New) A subscriber unit for a mobile communication system, comprising:
means for monitoring a first common channel to determine a value of a broadcast indicator carried on that channel; and
means for monitoring a second common channel to receive a broadcast message only when a value of the broadcast indicator indicates that the broadcast message is present on the second common channel.--

--27. (New) The device of claim 26, wherein the first common channel is a quick paging channel (QPCH), and wherein the second common channel is a paging channel.--

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--28. (New) The device of claim 27, wherein the means for the monitoring a first common channel further determines a value of a plurality of paging indicators and a configuration change indicator carried on the QPCH.--

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--29. (New) The device of claim 28, wherein the broadcast indicator is sequenced before the configuration change indicator on the QPCH.--

--30. (New) The device of claim 28, wherein the plurality of paging indicators are used to indicate that the subscriber unit operating in an idle state should monitor at least one of the paging channel and a Forward Common Control Channel starting in a next slot, the broadcast indicator indicates whether a broadcast message is present on the paging channel, and the configuration change indicator is used to indicate that the subscriber unit operating in the idle state should monitor at least one of the paging channel, the Forward Common Control Channel, and a Broadcast Control Channel after performing an idle handoff, to determine if prescribed stored parameters of the subscriber unit should be updated.--

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--31. (New) An information slot in a quick paging channel (QPCH), comprising:

- a plurality of paging indicators to indicate that a mobile station operating in an idle state should monitor at least one of a Paging Channel and a Forward Common Control Channel starting in a next slot;
- a broadcast indicator to indicate whether a broadcast message is present on a paging channel; and
- a configuration change indicator to indicate that the mobile station operating in the idle state that, after performing an idle handoff, it should monitor at least one of the Paging Channel, the Forward Common Control Channel, and a Broadcast Control Channel to determine if the mobile station should update stored parameters.--

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--32. (New) The information slot of claim 31, wherein the broadcast indicator precedes the configuration change indicator in the information slot.--

--33. (New) The information slot of claim 31, wherein each of the broadcast indicator and the configuration change indicator has a length of 2 bits when a data rate is 4800bps.--

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--34. (New) The information slot of claim 31, wherein each of the broadcast indicator and the configuration change indicator has a length of 4 bits when a data rate is 9600bps.--

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--35. (New) The information slot of claim 31, wherein the information slot is sent from a base station to a subscriber unit to indicate whether the base station is transmitting a broadcast message.--

--36. (New) The information slot of claim 35, wherein the base station is indicated to have sent a broadcast message when the broadcast indicator is set to 1.--
